

CLAIMS

1. A valve for use in a downhole tool, the valve comprising a substantially tubular body including a first end for connection to a wireline lock or packer, the first end having a first inlet communicating with the string providing a flow path of a first cross-sectional area; one or more ports located on the body, the ports providing a flow path of a combined cross-sectional area greater than the first cross-sectional area; a sealing assembly comprising a seal cap moveable in relation to the body to open and close the ports; wherein fluid flow through the inlet moves the seal cap to open the valve and create an unimpeded flow path between the inlet and the ports with negligible pressure drop.
2. A valve as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the combined cross-sectional area of the ports is greater than half the surface area of the tubular body at the ports.
3. A valve as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein the seal cap is a poppet having a first sealing surface and a second sealing surface is a seat located on an inner surface of the tubular body such that when the surfaces contact they form a seal to close the valve.
4. A valve as claimed in Claim 3 wherein the sealing assembly includes biasing means to bias the poppet and the first sealing surface towards the second sealing surface.

- 1 5. A valve as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the biasing
2 means is a spring, the spring enclosed within a
3 housing.
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- 5 6. A valve as claimed in any preceding Claim wherein the
6 valve includes pressure release means to open the
7 valve at a predetermined fluid pressure.
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- 9 7. A valve as claimed in Claim 6 wherein the pressure
10 release means is a shear ring which rated to shear at
11 the desired pressure.
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- 13 8. A valve as claimed in any one of Claims 4 to 7
14 wherein a load adjuster is located between the
15 biasing means and the first surface to vary the load
16 applied by the first surface upon the second surface.
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- 18 9. A valve as claimed in and preceding Claim wherein the
19 valve is a high lift injection valve.
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- 21 10. A method of injecting fluid into a well bore, the
22 method comprising the steps:
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- 24 (f) locating an injection valve on an anchoring
25 device at an end of a work string;
26 (g) running the string to a required depth;
27 (h) sealing the string to a wall of the well bore
28 using the anchoring device;
29 (i) passing fluid at a first pressure through the
30 work string; and
31 (j) using the fluid to open the valve and thereby
32 inject fluid through an unimpeded path through

1 the valve into the well bore while maintaining
2 fluid pressure at the first pressure.

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4 11. A method as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the injection
5 valve is according to and one of Claims 1 to 9.

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7 12. A method as claimed in Claim 10 or Claim 11 wherein
8 the method includes the step of trapping pressure
9 below the valve.

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11 13. A method as claimed in any one of Claims 10 to 13
12 wherein the method includes the step of performing
13 one or more pressure tests above the valve.

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